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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6128**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 49**

**DATE PREPARED:** Oct 31, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Support for Educational Expenses.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides the following with respect to support orders issued in paternity actions and dissolution of marriage actions: (1) It prohibits a court from ordering a parent to pay a child's postsecondary educational expenses in an amount that exceeds the average costs assessed by the institution of higher learning that the child attends or plans to attend. (2) The bill provides that if the child attends a private institution of higher learning, the court may not order the payment of educational expenses in an amount that exceeds the average costs assessed by a state-supported institution offering a course of study similar to the course of study being pursued by the child at the private institution. (3) It prohibits a court from ordering the payment of postsecondary educational expenses for a child who chooses not to pursue an education at an institution of higher learning at which the child has the opportunity to receive tuition, room, and board at no cost. (4) It also provides that a parent may, under certain circumstances, petition to terminate an order requiring payment of educational expenses at an institution of higher learning if the child fails to maintain at least a C grade average.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**